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1. The Polish Minister to Argentina, Stefan Szumowski, has advised Foreign Minister Juan Bramuglia that Poland is ready to enter into a three-year trade agreement with Argentina.

2. Szumowski, who returned to Buenos Aires from Warsaw on 16 August, informed Bramuglia that Poland would supply between 200,000 and 300,000 tons of coal a year in exchange for Argentine hides, tallow, wool, quebracho, and other agricultural products. He added that after the first three years Poland would be in a position to furnish Argentina with half of its total coal requirements (estimated at 1,000,000 tons). The Polish Minister then requested a quick decision on the part of Argentina, informing Bramuglia that Poland had markets for her coal elsewhere if Argentina were not interested. The Foreign Minister indicated to Szumowski that the matter would be discussed immediately with Miguel Miranda, President of the National Economic Council.

3. Upon his return, Szumowski was informed by Eusebio Dworkin, Polish First Secretary and Charge d'Affaires in Szumowski's absence, that the time was propitious for improving diplomatic and commercial relations between Argentina and Poland. He added that the Soviet Embassy at Buenos Aires considered Argentine-United States relations to be steadily worsening and that the Soviet diplomats had so advised Moscow. Dworkin stated that the Soviets in Argentina believe this situation should be exploited.

4. After conferences during his recent visit with most of the high-ranking officials in Warsaw, Szumowski is said to have been congratulated for his work in Argentina. He was asked if he would be interested in the Polish Ambassadorship in either the United States or China. The Minister replied that he wished to remain in Argentina for a few months longer to complete Argentine-Polish trade negotiations and would make a decision later.

The imminent arrival of a Polish economic mission was reported to the Argentine press on 10 August. Its members will confer with Argentine officials on a barter agreement for coal and cement from Poland for Argentine hides and raw materials.

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